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DETECTIVES ARREST SUSPECTS FOR A SEXUAL ASSAULT IN RANCHO PENASQUITOS PARK

(San Diego, CA) San Diego Police Department Sex Crimes Unit detectives have arrested two suspects for a recent sexual assault that occurred in Ranch Penasquitos.

On September 3, 2011, at about 8:30 p.m., two female juveniles, 15 and 16 years old, were attending a family party at a home in the area of 12600 Spindletop Road. The girls went to a nearby park to talk. As the girls were sitting under a tree, the two suspects walked past them on a path. The suspects then approached the girls from behind. The suspects forced the girls, at knifepoint, to walk a short distance to a more secluded area in the park where they sexually assaulted both girls.

Immediately after the incident, patrol officers responded to the location of the crime, checked the area for potential suspects, and secured the crime scene. Sex Crimes Unit detectives interviewed the victims and witnesses and gathered all evidence related to the sexual assaults. Officers and detectives from Northeastern Division provided additional information and assistance.

On September 8, 2011, San Diego Police Sex Crimes Unit detectives investigating the case identified two juveniles as the suspects responsible for the sexual assaults of the teenage victims. During follow-up investigations, one juvenile was arrested without incident in Poway. Later in the day, a second suspect was arrested in South Bay.

The suspects, both age 16, were interviewed, processed, and booked into Juvenile Hall. The suspects were charged with multiple crimes.

Anyone with information concerning this case is asked to contact the San Diego Police Department's Sex Crimes Unit at (619) 531-2210 or San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

Lieutenant Rudy Tai will be available in front of SDPD headquarters today at 3:00p.m. to discuss the case.

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